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**From:** Mouchoir@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 13, 2003 8:14 AM  
**Subject:** Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain  
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Mesa, Arizona 85211

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**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
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**From:** KQH  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:04 PM  
**Subject:** NO TO THE NEW FCC "REGULATIONS"

I am a concerned citizen who strongly opposes the new regulations that would allow media companies to own more outlets. IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC WHO YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE.

To sum things up:

[illegible]

Do you Yahoo!?

**From:** Margot Griffin  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 12:06 AM  
**Subject:** duopolies and jobs lost

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

The public debate you have had regarding the issue of allowing more consolidation in the media world seems to have lacked the issue I would like to raise now. As a member of the Los Angeles Viacom duopoly I have seen first hand the results of what combining two television stations into one has done. We have let go (fired) a large portion of the stations combined staff, and now have one staff running two TV stations. this has led to greatly increased profits for our company, but the overall economy has lost at least 75 high paying positions.

When you increase the level of ownership, you will continue to eliminate more jobs and will continue to decrease the amount of voices filling our airwaves.

Mr. Chairman, you have stated that cable fills that void. I can assure you in local markets it does not. And Los Angeles, through duopolies, continues to loose the divergent viewpoints of differing television and radio stations, as these are now becoming one. KCAL and KCBS are identical, as are KCOP and KTTV, and except for the language KNBC and it's Spanish language duopoly deliver the same exact news.

Jobs and voices are being lost. If your aim is to pad the pockets of those benefiting from these large corporate mergers, so be it...just know that the result is good people on the street and the audience left with less and less original local news.

Thank you for your time.

A.C. Griffin

--- Margot Griffin  
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**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, jadeste@fcc.gov, Michael Copps

**From:** Mike Grady  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, president@whitehouse.gov  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 12:12 AM  
**Subject:** New FCC Regulations

I was appalled by a story I read in BusinessWeek Online. It says that the FCC will vote on Monday, June 2 on lifting a 28-year-old ban on ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations television or radio in the same market.

The article says that this is being done despite requests for a delay from two of the Commission members and that you are refusing to share the details of the proposal with ELECTED officials. Since I don't recall having the opportunity to vote for who I wanted to fill the FCC commission positions it seems to me that this violates democratic principles in an area that is SO FUNDAMENTAL TO THE SURVIVAL of our democratic-republic form of government that in my mind a principled person would not do it.

When I see this combined with the recent attempts on the part of the department of justice to enact legislation that would cause serious erosion of our civil liberties makes me wonder about the motives of the controlling members of the republican party. These moves are exactly the sort of changes that could concentrate enough power in the hands of a few individuals that over a period of time we could find ourselves in a situation where one or two people could do what Hitler did back in the 1930's, i.e. put all lawmaking power into the hands of a few individuals and either suspend the free press or arrange things so they don't have to suspend it because they will control the press.

We need to be very careful to guard against this. I'm sure that many citizens of Germany in the 30's felt that they were safe from something so extreme happening. These are slippery slopes we are standing on. Let's be careful, let's make major changes only with complete deliberation by ELECTED officials.

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**From:** Elaine Miller  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 12.13 AM  
**Subject:** consolidation

Please vote against the consolidation on June 2nd. Two few people own most of the stations now. What happened about the airways belonging to the people. Now they belong to the Republicans.

Elaine Miller

**From:** Okayanomaly@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 12:24 AM  
**Subject:** Rules change in re: consolidation of ownership of media outlets

You are apparently almost single-handedly, but no doubt with the backing of the president, trying to take another huge leap away from democracy and into consolidation of power among the few wealthy elites.

Do you have ANY CONCEPT of the opposition there is in this country about what you propose to do, and what the future will look like if you have your way???!!! It is a very frightening landscape.....

The FCC is mandated to regulate in the interest of the public not the corporations. What is YOUR understanding of the function of the FCC??

Joan Bissing Horsley  
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Okayanomaly@aol.com, Rozky@aol.com

**From:** Okayanomaly@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 12:46 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed rules change in re. consolidation of ownership of media

The proposed rules change is yet another alarming leap away from democracy and the freedoms designed to serve the people. The FCC's mandate is to provide regulation in the interest of all the people, not to serve corporate interests. If these changes pass, the future of access to information and diverse points of view is a huge unknown and very frightening.

It is essential to the future of a democracy to have an informed citizenry and it is our right. This is commonly known as "Freedom of Speech" and was the first priority of the founders of this democracy and it remains a priority to the vast majority of the people.

I know that at least some of you oppose these changes and I most desperately hope that you, and we, will prevail. Thank you.

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**CC:** Mike Powell, Okayanomaly@aol.com, Rozky@aol.com, ronhavens@insightbb.com, causenet@commoncause.org

**From:** Rick Miller  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM  
**KJMWEB**  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:06 AM  
**Subject:** Protect our sources of information

Chairman Michael K. Powell:  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps:  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin:  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein:

Please reconsider the rule revisions you are considering. You are giving up a key check and balance in the flow of information. There are too many cases of media manipulation already. If the newspapers, publishing houses, magazines, TV & Radio stations and internet search engines / news sites are all owned by the corporations how do we keep ourselves from becoming even more manipulated than we are- If you think it isn't happening look at the Time Magazine 13 page spread on the Matrix movie that their parent company makes.

This is a time to be very conservative.

Regards,

Rick Miller  
rigm@pacbell.net



**From:** Jessica McDill  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:11 AM  
**Subject:** Re: June 2 Open Meeting

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I was recently made aware of your upcoming meeting, and the possibility that the items discussed might involve deregulation of the media industry. If this is the case:

Please...I implore you...do not let Clear Channel and other (are there any other media giants as large as Clear Channel?) monster media groups to control what the American public sees and hears. The idea of a handful of owners controlling almost the entirety of the media outlets in this country is horrifying. I say this not only because I'm tired of paying over-inflated prices to see a concert; not only because 4 out of 5 (if not all) of the radio station that I can listen to in my car are owned by one company; not only because the majority of the billboards that I see while driving in my car are owned by the above one company; not only because of the 3 newspapers that are delivered to my house, 2 of them are owned by the same company (and the other company is about to be bought out by the owner of the other 2) ; not only because some moron executive can be offended by a song or statement by an artist and keep said artist or song from being aired on over 1200 stations nationwide; what I find particularly terrifying is the stranglehold that one or two companies (primarily Clear Channel) has managed to gain on the First Amendment. The idea that a company can quiet the voices of dissent by crippling them financially, buying them for less than they're worth and then shutting them down... leaving them no outlet.. that frightens me.

Didn't we just send soldiers over to Iraq in the name of Democracy and Freedom? Or was it just capitalism and greed? Please stop Clear Channel and other media giants from stealing our opportunity to hear both sides of the argument.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jessica L McDill, Houston, TX

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**From:** Sw69guy@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 2:01 AM  
**Subject:** THIS IS WRONG

Mr. Powell,

What you are proposing (and insisting on no matter who thinks what) is wrong! When everyone disagrees with you and is against you ... don't you think you should step back and maybe ask why? Maybe reexamine your decisions, maybe give back the money or forget about the job you were promised once you left your post.

Allowing a hand full of corporations to control all the media is not American, not democratic and most definitely not in the best interest of having an enlightened & informed public. Surely that is not the ultimate goal is it?

Max T. Lambert jr.  
Sugarland, TX.

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**From:** Michael Anderson  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 2:44 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Docket 02-277

Dear Commissioners,

PLEASE do not destroy our system of diverse media ownership by changing the present rules. It would be a disaster for this country to allow a handful of powerful corporations to control so many media outlets.

Thank you,  
Michael Anderson

**From:** cj rathjen  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 3:59 AM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Isn't it bad enough that the president was voted in by a couple of political hacks without you squashing public news and debate. Especially since I did not even vote for you guys. How the hell did you get this power to change us into a dictatorship????!

**From:** rojones18@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 4:05 AM  
**Subject:** Reconsider

Please do not change the policy of ownership of the airwaves.

The proposed change in ownership requirements are a direct affront to public ownership of the air waves. We are already seeing way to much of this, the major cable news stations don't report news, they only obsess about the current hot topic. (I, for one am very tired of hearing about the Lacy Peterson case.) I'm very concerned with the state our country is in, and none of these stations report on anything of substance regarding what's happening. All they seem to want to provide is the "talking heads" to put out the latest spin.

If you will study the reasons for this policy, you will find they were set up to prevent the one opinion policies of early radio from taking over all media time. And go back to the newspaper ownership histories, wars were fought to sell newspaper.

We are in a very scary time in this country, our rights are being thrown to the winds, our leaders seem to think more or party politics (that includes both parties) than what is good for the country as a whole. It seems that McCarthyism is coming into style again.

Please consider my comments and do not change this policy.

Ruth O. Jones

**From:** Tim Ferguson  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 4:27 AM  
**Subject:** consolidation

This FCC consolidation move is bullshit. We say NO, NO, NO!

Yrs,  
Tim Ferguson

**From:** jac0b\_chunkster@hushmail.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 5:52 AM  
**Subject:** dont deregulate!!!!

FCC Commishoners,

Please do not change TV staion ownership regulations, the issue of Docket 02-277.

Thank you,  
jacob thompson

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**From:** MConner  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 8:02 AM  
**Subject:** consolidation is wrong

We need more not less! Save America stop these attempts by media moguls to ruin America!  
mConner